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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5219

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, FR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AVIATION FUEL

1. AIR FRANCE IS EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN FUEL  
SUPPLY IN NEW YORK, ACCORDING QUAI AMERICAS DIRECTOR DE ST. LEGIER.  
HE TOLD POLCOUNS ON DEC 3 THAT  
FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD FLAGGED URGENTLY TO QUAIS'S  
ATTENTION FACT THAT EXXON HAD INFORMED AIR FRANCE ITS FUEL  
DELIVERIES IN NEW YORK WOULD BE REDUCED BY 90 PERCENT.  
EXXON HAD BEEN AI FRANCE'S SOLE SUPPLIER AND DIFFICULTY  
HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN OBTAINING ASSURANCES OF FUEL  
FROM OTHER SOURCES TO COMPENSATE FOR EXXON SHORTFALL.  
EXXON REDUCTION APPARENTLY IS NOT DISCRIMINATORY BUT  
APPLICABLE TO ALL CARRIERS. ST. LEGIER SAID THAT  
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WHILE HE WAS MERELY INFORMING US OF THIS DEVELOPMENT,

FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WAS BEING INSTRUCTED RAISE  
MATTER PROMPTLY WITH DEPARTMENT.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT BY END THIS WEEK MEASURES WILL  
BE ANNOUNCED FOR FUEL ECONOMY BY FRENCH CARRIERS AIR  
FRANCE, UTA AND AIR INTER, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED  
IN CONVERSATIONS THIS SUBJECT WITH SGAC. MEASURES  
CONSIDERED LIKELY PERTAIN TO CAPACITY AND CONDITIONS  
OF AIRCRAFT OPERATION. PRESS (LES ECHOS) STRESSES THAT  
MEASURES APPEAR REFLECT DESIRE TO AVOID WASTE OF FUEL  
RATHER THAN EXISTENCE AVIATION FUEL SHORTAGE IN  
FRANCE.

3. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT BECAUSE OF HIGHER FUEL  
COSTS UTA IS INCREASING ITS "DOMESTIC" RATES BY  
10 PERCENT IN LINE WITH DECISION TAKEN BY ASSOCIATION  
OF AIR TRANSPORTERS OF FRANCE AREA(ATAF).

4. PIERRE COT, DIRECTOR GENERAL AIR FRANCE, TOLD PRESS  
THAT AIR FRANCE ENVISAGES REDUCING CAPACITY ON NORTH  
ATLANTIC BY TEN PERCENT IN 1974 THROUGH ELIMINATION  
TWO WEEKLY FLIGHTS. SAID TALKS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY  
IN WASHINGTON WITH PANAM.

COMMENT: WE ASSUME AIR FRANCE PROBLEM PARA. 1 ABOVE  
RELATES TO BONDED FUEL, THOUGH WE  
NOTE EXXON WAS NOT ONE OF SUPPLIERS  
CITED IN STATE 231107. SINCE SITUATION HERE REMAINS  
AS REPORTED PARIS 29228 AND US CARRIERS EXPERIENCING  
NO DIFFICULTY IN REFUELING IN PARIS, WE HOPE THAT  
MEANS CAN BE FOUND TO HELP ALLEVIATE AIR FRANCE'S  
REFUELING PROBLEMS IN NEW YORK TO EXTENT CIRCUM-  
STANCES PERMIT.IRWIN

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